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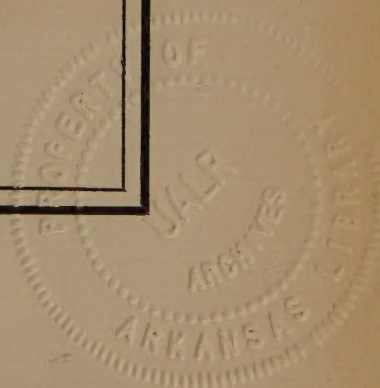


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House Resolution No. 295

MONDAY, January 21, 1929.

Mr. FRENCH. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Memorials I offer a resolution, which I send to the Clerk's desk, and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Idaho presents a resolution, which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read (H. Res. 295) as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, February 20, 1929, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on Memorials under the provisions of clause 40a of Rule XI. At the conclusion of the recess the Speaker shall call the House to order and then, as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased, he shall declare the House adjourned.

The resolution was agreed to.

Biography

WILLIAM ALLAN OLDFIELD was born in Franklin, Izard County, Ark., February 4, 1874; attended the public schools, and was graduated from Arkansas College at Batesville in 1896; taught school; enlisted in 1898 as a private in Company M, Second Regiment Arkansas Infantry, during the war with Spain; was promoted to first sergeant of the same company and later to first lieutenant, and was mustered out with that rank in March 1899; studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1900, and commenced practice in Batesville Ark.; prosecuting attorney of Independence County 1902-1906; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1906 to the Sixtieth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-first and to the nine succeeding Congresses, and served from March 4, 1909, until his death; had been reelected to the Seventy-first Congress; died in Washington, D. C., November 19, 1928; interment in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Batesville, Ark.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

Seventieth Congress
Second Session

Order of Exercises

Prelude, sacred selections (11.30 a. m. to 12 m.).

United States Marine Band Orchestra

Presiding Officer.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives

Invocation--The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery

Lead, Kindly Light (Buck)-----Imperial Male Quartet

Scripture reading and prayer-----The Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Devotional silence.

Address-----Hon. Charles A. Eaton
(Representative from the State of New Jersey)

Still, Still with Thee (Gerrish)-----Quartet

Address-----Hon. Finis J. Garrett
(Representative from the State of Tennessee)

Still Will We Trust (Flemming)-----Quartet

Benediction-----The Chaplain

Postlude-----The Orchestra

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Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, February 20, 1929.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Nicholas Longworth, presided.

The Imperial Male Quartet sang Lead, Kindly Light.

Scripture reading and prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

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And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

[Members standing.]

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, this is a solemn moment. Would that our lips were nigh to full speech; yet we thank Thee that hope, pensive and wondering, finds its secret joy. Again and again the silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken, the pitcher at the fountain and the wheel at the cistern. O how true, merciful God, that our tombs are entangled with our tasks; yet those who journey this way may come to their crown and throne. Thou wilt not forget their works of faith and their labors of love among us. They rose to the level of pure

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thinking. They felt the throbs of the common heart and scorned to do the evil thing. They have bequeathed us noble examples, for with distinction, patience, and gentleness they served their day. We have shared their joys; we now pay our grateful tributes. This hour we unite our hearts with all sorrowing ones. Heaven drop its charm of richest gifts upon them. We praise Thee that there is no death. The mists that are now so thick will soon lift and drift away, for behind is the sunlight. They have entered through the hidden portals and have gained the vision in that summer land of the soul, where morning becomes noon and the curtain of night is never hung. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Clerk of the House, Mr. William Tyler Page, read the roll of deceased Members:

FRANK ROBERT GOODING, Senator from the State of Idaho.—Member of the Idaho Senate; Governor of Idaho, two terms; twice elected United States Senator. Died June 24, 1928.

WILLIAM NEWELL VAILE, First Congressional District of Colorado.—Member of the House of Representatives, Sixty-sixth and each succeeding Congress. Died July 2, 1927.

MARTIN BARNABY MADDEN, First Congressional District of Illinois.—Member of the Chicago City Council and its presiding officer; Member of the House of Representatives, Fifty-ninth and each succeeding Congress; chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. Died April 27, 1928.

THADDEUS C. SWEET, Thirty-second Congressional District of New York.—Member of the General Assembly of the State of New York; speaker of the assembly, 1914–1920; Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, and Seventieth Congresses. Died May 1, 1928.

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THOMAS S. BUTLER, Eighth Congressional District of Pennsylvania.—Member of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth and each succeeding Congress; father of the House; chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs. Died May 26, 1928.

HENRY RIGGS RATHBONE.—Member of the House of Representatives from the State of Illinois at large in the Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, and Seventieth Congresses. Died July 15, 1928.

LOUIS ADAMS FROTHINGHAM, Fourteenth Congressional District of Massachusetts.—Member of the Massachusetts Legislature; speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts; Member of the United States House of Representatives, Sixty-seventh and each succeeding Congress. Died August 23, 1928.

THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY, Sixteenth Congressional District of Missouri.—Member of the Senate and of the House of the General Assembly of Missouri; president pro tempore of the Missouri Senate; Lieutenant Governor of Missouri; Member of the House of Representatives from the Sixty-second to the Sixty-sixth Congress, inclusive, and from the Sixty-eighth to the Seventieth Congress. Died November 2, 1928.

WILLIAM ALLAN OLDFIELD, Second Congressional District of Arkansas.—Member of the House of Representatives, Sixty-first and each succeeding Congress; member of the Committee on Ways and Means; minority whip of the House; chairman of the Democratic national congressional committee. Died November 19, 1928.

CHARLES LEE FAUST, Fourth Congressional District of Missouri.—Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh and each succeeding Congress. Died December 17, 1928.

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EDWARD JOHN KING, Fifteenth Congressional District of Illinois.—Member of the Illinois Legislature four terms; Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth and each succeeding Congress. Died February 17, 1929.

Then followed one minute of devotional silence.

ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLES A. EATON *Of New Jersey*

Mr. SPEAKER: Since July, 1927, eleven of our distinguished colleagues have died in the service of their country, nine of the number within the short space of nine months in the year just passed and one only three days ago.

In this memorial service we are seeking to express our sense of personal loss; our grief over brave comrades fallen by our side in battle; our sincere sympathy for their loved ones in the family circle, whose sorrow we share.

And some of us, at least, cherish the hope that this tragic toll exacted by the Grim Reaper may awaken the American people to a new understanding of the ever-increasing burden of toil and responsibility which our complex civilization places upon their elected Representatives.

We want all the world to know that we loved these fallen comrades of ours; that we revere their memory; that we are proud and grateful to have been associated with them in service; and that, however sharply divided by the accident of party attachment, or by reasoned opinion, we were and are united always in respect for their sincerity

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of conviction, their unblemished personal honor, their devotion to duty, their singleness of patriotic purpose.

It would be hard to assemble a group of eleven men from widely separated sections of our great country who more exactly represent in their individual endowments and experience the multiform genius of American life at its best.

GOODING, OF IDAHO

Rising from humble beginnings, step by step, to deserve and receive the highest honors within the gift of his fellow citizens. Twice elected governor of his State. Since 1920 a distinguished Member of the Senate of the United States. His most striking characteristic, a high and chivalrous courage. His passing removes from the Senate one of its strong men.

VAILE, OF COLORADO

Gifted author; formidable in debate; intensely American in ideals and point of view; called suddenly in the prime of his strong manhood from the lofty outlook of his beloved mountains to the infinite horizons of eternity.

MADDEN, OF ILLINOIS

From the beginning of his long years of service, a recognized leader in this body. Wise and witty; shrewd and penetrating of judgment; without illusions and without cynicism. Governed always by a profound sense of moral obligation in handling the heavy responsibilities of his position as

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chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he was a great human, richly deserving the unstinted and unanimous affection and confidence of his colleagues.

RATHBONE, OF ILLINOIS

Disciple and interpreter of the immortal Lincoln. Eloquent of speech. Ungrudging of service, he literally gave his life for the honor and privilege of representing in this House the vast and varied interests of his great State.

KING, OF ILLINOIS

For 14 years a Member of this House. Honored three times in early life by election to the general assembly of his State. An efficient attorney of his home city of Galesburg. His ability, his fine moral qualities, his genius for friendship gave him a permanent place in the affection and memory of his colleagues.

OLDFIELD, OF ARKANSAS

Sturdy and worthy son of the great, young Southwest. A man foursquare. Honored and trusted by all his colleagues in his position of leadership.

RUBEY AND FAUST, OF MISSOURI

Of differing political principles and party loyalties, these two distinguished sons of Missouri had much in common. Country bred, they fearlessly followed their stars of destiny out into the wider world of affairs. They were one in their high moral standard, their love of country and home,

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their sense of service. To each of them their fellow citizens gave ungrudging honor, and each left to his loved ones the priceless heritage of a stainless name.

SWEET, OF NEW YORK

Descended from a family closely identified with General Washington in the Revolutionary War. Speaker of the New York Assembly for six years. A seasoned veteran in the exacting work of public service, his tragic death took from this Chamber one of its most useful and trusted Members.

BUTLER, OF PENNSYLVANIA

The elder statesman of the House. Carrying for long years heavy burdens as a member and as chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs; inflexible of purpose; of unaffected simplicity and sweetness of nature. He knew how to soften the asperities of political conflict by the magic touch of a delicate, whimsical humor, and to win and hold the affection of every man with whom he had to do.

FROTHINGHAM, OF MASSACHUSETTS

American gentleman of the old school. Incarnating in mind and character and long years of honorable public service the noblest and finest traditions of his native New England.

GENERAL OBITUARY

These men were unlike in temperament, in training, in point of view, in method, in historic

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background. They came from far-separated sections of our common country. Yet they were amazingly alike in their possession of and by those invincible, eternal, spiritual fundamentals upon which our American civilization is builded and which, for our people at least, constitute what Herbert Hoover so aptly calls "the surer forces of human advancement."

It would be a labor of love could we spend the whole time allotted us to-day in completely reviewing the qualities of mind and heart of our fallen comrades; in evaluating their individual contributions to their time and country; in paying grateful tribute to their hallowed memories; in making full acknowledgment of our personal debt to each and all of them for the stimulus and inspiration of their lives.

But I am confident that these departed comrades of ours would rather have us at this time turn to the consideration of certain great central realities upon which their lives were builded and which the occasion clothes for us who remain in the glory of a new understanding.

First. These were men of strong religious faith.

They would therefore have us face to-day with them and in this way the stupendous fact of death as the common lot and destiny of mankind. The Scottish bard sang of his dead hero:

Now is the stately column broke,
The beacon fire is quenched in smoke,
The trumpet's silver sound is still,
The warder silent on the hill.

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And this simple dirge may and must describe the fate of every man:

The clouds that gather 'round the setting sun do take a sober coloring from an eye that hath kept watch o'er man's mortality.

What, then, would these friends of ours, so lately translated from the happy companionship of our common labors to the mystery and majesty of the grave, have us think? We must decide to accept, as they did, one of two alternatives. We can think of death for them and for ourselves as the end of all being. Or we can face the experience through which they have passed and through which we must pass fortified by an invincible faith that death is merely the gateway to an eternal existence, glorious, satisfying, unshadowed by sin and sorrow and weakness.

If we follow the faith of the men in whose honor we are met to-day, we will choose the second of these alternatives.

And we will make this choice as we believe they made it—because of the common consent of mankind illumined and crowned by the glorious liberating teachings of the Christian religion.

It were folly to deny or ignore the universal all-engulfing force of death. Everywhere in nature death is the night of which life is the day. Death is the autumn of life's spring; the harvest of life's seedtime. They belong together. Death is the supreme reconstructor; the universal leveler; the great essential in all progress.

In life all rivers run their own course through their own channels and country. In death all

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rivers reach the sea. In life we are divided; in death united. Life has infinite diversities of character and function and relationship. Death is the infinite harmonizer and unifier. Life gives the individual his chance. Death restores him to the mass. Men live and die, but man abides.

There is one question which since time began has stirred the hearts and disturbed the minds of men—"If a man die, shall he live again?"

Through the long centuries in every phase and step of civilization men have been irresistibly moved by a universal instinct or a deep, inexpungeable spiritual hunger to believe in the reality of a spiritual world lying far outside and above the world of material sense, to which humanity belongs and in which lie the final sanctions for human conduct.

This universal hunger for life after death has created the many religions of mankind. It has erected everywhere in all ages temples and shrines. Some shadowed by the horrors of ignorance and superstition. Some glorious with the effulgence of a noble and understanding faith. But all alike the sign and symbol of that universal human passion for life which will not and can not die.

These fallen comrades of ours believed that in the Christian faith they had found not only the final answer to the world's quest for life, but also the ultimate moral ground upon which can be created a progressive, social, and political state. They died sustained by the glorious Christian hope of life beyond the grave. They have bequeathed to their loved families and to us and to the world

this heritage of an all-conquering faith. Whatever else of precious memory they have left us who remain for a time behind them, they, I am sure, would commend to us the exhortation of the good American poet:

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free;
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!

Second. These comrades of ours were in the noblest sense American-minded men.

They loved their country. They were the product of its institutions, the very incarnation of its spirit. They held in sacred honor those principles of life and government and social progress which have made America the land of opportunity, the door of hope for all its people.

Like ourselves, they were here as elected Representatives of all the people. By the judgment and choice of free men and women they became the official exponents of free self-government, the most difficult and desirable achievement of morally responsible beings.

They, like ourselves, were sent here to guarantee human rights, to redress wrongs, to secure equal justice, to solve the perplexing problems of economic and social progress, to make real that haunting dream of the ages—government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

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They were real men representing real people. In their weakness and strength, their successes and failures, they faithfully expressed the spiritual and intellectual qualities of those who sent them here. And when, worn out by the cares and burdens of public service, they passed through the narrow gateway of death, they became one with the common lot and destiny of all mankind.

In the Epistle to the Hebrews there occurs a remarkable discussion of faith as a primal faculty of the human mind, in its exercise as a controlling factor in personal conduct, and especially as it relates itself through the common experience of the individual to the progressive history of the race.

The author recites a list of illustrious names whose greatness he attributes to the exercise of this primal spiritual faculty.

By faith these ancient heroes subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

The story ends with the statement of a great universal principle governing all human experience in all ages:

These all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

The application of this amazing principle on this occasion is completely clear.

Our friends have not passed out of our lives by death. They have passed into our lives. The burden they were carrying has slipped from their

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shoulders to ours. And unless we assume this responsibility we have robbed the world of the full fruition of their toil.

They did not take the final fruition of their labors with them. They left it with us as a glorious addition to our equipment for highest service here. The sowers have passed from the field. The harvest of their faithful sowing remains for us to reap.

This I believe would be the message of our fallen comrades were they permitted to speak to us today out of the larger wisdom and vision of that eternal life into which they have so worthily entered.

HAVE FAITH AND CARRY ON

They have left us the splendid task of continuing their work. This is but a part of the heritage of all the ages.

They held sacred the American home. We are to strive to preserve and perpetuate that holy of holies in the life of all free people so that always freedom-loving, honorable, American-minded men and women shall be cradled and prepared for life under its safe protection.

We are to perpetuate and make regnant those central spiritual realities which constitute the soul of America and which alone make possible the successful practice of free self-government.

We are to keep open and unobstructed that equality of opportunity which is at once the glory and the challenge of our American civilization.

We are to have faith in God, in whose keeping and loving care men find rest here and hereafter;

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faith in our fellow men as worthy of trust and reverence; faith in our beloved country, whose ideals, principles, and institutions have foundationed and made possible so much of human happiness; faith in those beneficent universal energies which manifest their presence and power in the unfolding drama of human history.

This is that "better thing" which, using our departed fellow workers as His chosen instruments, God has provided through them for us. This is the flaming torch of life which they carried so nobly in the forefront of the fight and which now has been thrust into our waiting hands. This is the labor of love which they have left for us to carry forward. And the highest tribute we can pay their sainted memory is here and now to dedicate ourselves afresh to our common task, facing gladly with some measure of their faith and courage whatever of good or ill the days to come may hold until at last we all get home.

The quartet sang Still, Still with Thee.

ADDRESS BY HON. FINIS J. GARRETT Of Tennessee

Mr. SPEAKER—

A prince once said of a king struck down:
"Taller he seems in death";
And the word holds good, for now, as then,
It is after death that we measure men.

However, sir, we have not come to measure, but to memorialize.

They were our comrades in the exacting service of a nation; we knew them; we loved them; and we mourn them.

They were among our ablest and most distinguished Members. Each had his very vivid personality, his lively individuality, and each stood with a marked degree of eminence among us.

The Congress of the United States epitomizes and expresses as no other body possibly can the genuine spirit and the profound emotion of American life.

Not infrequently the Congress is made the subject of gibe and quip and criticism. There are times when one suspects that some few of the greater journals of the country would, if they could, destroy or materially alter this particular branch as an institution of the Government. There are to be found here and there cynical citizens and self-seeking organizations that grow impatient with the legislative bodies of the Government, but, taking it by and large, it is safe to assert that it would be more difficult to work a change in this than in either of the other coordinate branches. If to-day we were suddenly called upon to frame a new Federal Government, it may be doubted whether the executive and judicial branches would be constituted in all respects as they now are, but it is extremely improbable that there would be any very great alteration in the legislative plan.

This is particularly true of the House of Representatives. Each Member of this body has a direct touch with and is responsible to and representative

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of many thousands of people. He is their first and most immediate expression in national affairs; and while here and there an exception may occur, yet as a rule the Representative is an exponent, as it were, of the thought of his district and a reflection of its ideals and character.

In the Congress therefore, as nowhere else, is to be found the mosaic which pictures the national political and civic conception and quality. The widely divergent views among Members upon some issues and questions reflect, as of course, the differences of opinion concerning the proper administration of our institutions, while the fact, overlooked by many, that the major portion of the business of Congress is virtually conducted by unanimous consent illustrates how strongly popular thought has crystallized about the basic elements in the mechanism of our system.

We seldom have now any serious contests over mere matters of procedure. Whatever complaints may be made about the rules of the House, in the end it is pretty generally realized that they are the product, not of party bias, but of public necessity, and that their construction all along has followed the lines of reason and of justice.

In these exercises of to-day we are paying respect to the memory of eleven Members of the Congress, ten from our own body and one from the Senate.

We find what we naturally would expect to find, namely, that in a group this large there is a near approach to a composite of the Congress itself.

They constitute at least a representative cross section of Congress and therefore of the Nation itself.

In general each section is represented in this list of our sacred dead—North and South, East and West, and the regions between. There are to be found, too, in the list conspicuous and nationally known representatives of the broader political and partisan aspects characteristic of a popular government such as ours, so that this day's exercises constitute not only an occasion of honor to individuals who wrought great things in a great age but a truly and distinctly national memorial function.

It is essentially and beautifully democratic. In this democracy of death there is illustrated with peculiar vividness the broad democracy peculiar to American life. Each individual represented a distinct type of personality. The political divergencies have been already adverted to, but this is by no means all. Various religious conceptions and beliefs are likewise represented in the list.

Then, too, we may without impropriety, I think, refer to the personal financial situations of the men. Some of them were men possessed of extensive resources; others were poor men possessed of only moderate means. But all were here working together in the common cause of a nation—working sedulously for its perpetuity and betterment.

I sometimes think that in nothing is the true American spirit so conspicuously reflected as it is in the fact that in the Congress there are no

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distinctions growing out of the financial condition of its Members. Members are measured here not by what they possess but by what they perform. The test is not money but mentality and character.

In this at least we approach the perfect democracy.

America, it is good to see, is rapidly becoming a land of monuments. Various civic organizations, municipalities, States, the Federal Government itself, sometimes in cooperation, sometimes each acting separately, are erecting columns and obelisks and statues to commemorate great events and to honor the memory of great men and women who have achieved things for humankind.

Some of these may be crude and inartistic, but back of them all lies the articulate spirit and purpose of a people, and it is magnificent. Every monument erected is in a way making stronger our institutions. It constitutes a perpetual reminder of what men have lived for and died for to work the weal of humanity.

We are reading just now of the rapidly culminating movement to restore and hold as an everlasting shrine the birthplace of Washington. To be sure, the fame of Washington does not at all require this for its perpetuation, but the movement is even above and beyond this; it is to express the profound feeling of a nation for the most conspicuous character in its formation and to give evidence of an unshakable purpose to preserve the institutions of government formulated under the guidance of his resolute mind and purposeful soul.

At another spot in Virginia a private organization, working under governmental auspices, is restoring and making secure the home of Jefferson—not as a monument to him, for he needs it not, but for the inspiration of mankind as a whole.

Out in a rural region of Kentucky the log cabin of a pioneer has been inclosed with a structure of marble and granite designed to defy the ravages of nature, so far as man can provide, to the end that the house in which Abraham Lincoln was born may be eternally preserved. We do not think of this as a monument to Lincoln but rather as a thing symbolic of the desire of America to give expression to the wish that the fundamental thing of her life—democracy—may be glorified and sanctified, and that hereafter as heretofore it is her desire and determination that in the Nation which Washington led to foundation and under the philosophy of government applied to it by the teachings of Jefferson, men like Lincoln shall have the opportunity of ascending to the summit of power and human glory.

The eleven men whose memory we are assembled to honor this day had their opportunity of service in the public affairs of such a nation. We can say of each of them that he seized the opportunity and strove to fill it, and did fill it, with a fine and intelligent and patriotic zeal. The life of each of them will receive from other colleagues a more specific and detailed treatment than time will admit of giving now.

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It is good to be able to say of each that he enjoyed the unstinted respect and loyal love of those associated with him in the Nation's business. Each was fortunate enough to write his own name large upon the honorable roster of those who have served their country in this great arena, and each left innumerable things for us to treasure until our time shall come to go forth and consort with them "in the shadows and the dust."

The quartet sang *Still Will We Trust*.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., pronounced the benediction:

Now, unto Him who is able to keep you from falling and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with great joy, unto the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 295, the Chair declares the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock noon.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 24 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, February 21, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon.

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Remarks by Representative Wingo

Of Arkansas

MR. SPEAKER: The death of WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, of Arkansas, in the Capital City of the Nation, on the 19th day of November, 1928, marked the passing of a remarkable man, who for 20 years had been one of the recognized distinctive personalities of the House and a party leader of resource and energy, loved and respected by his associates of every political faith.

When on the morning of February 4, 1874, a child was born to Milton T. and Anne Matheny Oldfield in the village of Franklin, Izard County, Ark., there was nothing to indicate that this son of the village blacksmith would have such an active and useful career and achieve the extraordinary distinction that crowned his efforts. He attended the rural schools, and after he graduated from the Melbourne High School his family moved to Batesville, Ark., to enable him to finish his education in Arkansas College. Working to defray his expenses, he completed his course in that institution, graduating in 1896. He then engaged in that activity which, in many instances, has been a part of the training of many of America's distinguished men—teaching school in Little River County, Ark. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War he

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volunteered his services and assisted in organizing a company of which he became first lieutenant. At the close of that war he returned to Batesville and began the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1900. Possessed of marked ability, a strong, pleasing, radiant personality, and a love of his fellow men, it was but natural for him to enter the political arena. In 1902 he was elected prosecuting attorney of the third judicial circuit and reelected to another term in 1904. In his boyhood, while assisting his father in the village blacksmith shop, he met the Congressman from his district, and as a result there was born in his ambitious breast the determination to fill that position. His first candidacy for Congress in 1906 met with defeat, but in 1908 he was successful, and from the date of his entrance into this body until his death he was one of its most active Members. His intense loyalty to his party and his aptitude and capacity for practical organization very early won for him an influence in Democratic councils, and for several years prior to his death he had rendered splendid service as chairman of the Democratic congressional campaign committee.

His ability and industry were recognized by his election many years ago to membership of the Ways and Means Committee.

For 20 years, diligent, active, aggressive, yet genial and fair, he was in the front ranks of the contests waged in this forum, and his passing is a distinct loss, not alone to his loved ones, his district, his State, and his party, but to the entire Nation he served with such fidelity and zeal.

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Remarks by Representative Driver *Of Arkansas*

MR. SPEAKER: In the death of Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD the Nation lost a patriot, the State of Arkansas an eminent son, the second congressional district of his State an energetic and devoted servant, and I a sympathetic and loyal friend. To no Member of this body did the term "no middle aisle" so directly apply, for while he was a man of strong convictions and possessed the courage to utter and defend them, his uniform courtesy, his tolerant bearing, and his unfailing sense of fairness so impressed his adversaries that no enemies were made and no spirit of resentment was aroused. He enjoyed, as but few have, the confidence and esteem of his colleagues and the citizenry he so ably represented.

Mr. OLDFIELD was a native of his State and district. He was educated in its schools. Born on February 4, 1874, he completed his college course with an A. B. degree in 1896. When war was declared against the Kingdom of Spain in 1898 he followed the patriotic urge in the hearts of all true sons and tendered his services, enlisting as a private in Company M, Second Regiment of Arkansas Infantry, and was discharged at the conclusion of the war as a commissioned officer. He returned home, studied law, and commenced practice at Batesville with such outstanding success that he was selected in 1902 to fill the important office of

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prosecuting attorney of the third judicial circuit. His service was conspicuous and won a second term, at the conclusion of which he retired and returned to the practice of law in association with Hon. Charles Y. Cole, the present United States attorney for the eastern district of Arkansas. The demonstration of rare capacity, his high sense of honor, combined with unquestioned integrity, had so impressed the people he served that when the distinguished Member from his congressional district, the Hon. Stephen Brundige, retired, Mr. OLDFIELD was called to the Congress, entering the Sixty-first. He served continuously for 20 years, and at the time of his death was holding a commission for the Seventy-first. No public servant enjoyed to greater extent the absolute confidence and affections of those whom he represented. No constituency enjoyed more the loyalty and love of a servant. He was able, alert, and untiring in his labors, and such characteristics so impressed his colleagues that he was induced to assume many responsibilities incident to his duties as a Member of the Congress. Through his proven reliability and capacity he gradually ascended the scale of committees until he reached the Ways and Means, the outstanding one of the House, of which he was a member at his death. He was a member of the Democratic congressional committee for many years and directed its activities brilliantly as chairman for two years and was in such position when the summons came. He was the Democratic whip, and the expression is universal that he was incomparable in such office.

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Mr. OLDFIELD was a burden bearer serving the whole of his political career.

The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.

The great concourse of sorrowing people coming from every walk of life, meeting in his beloved city in sadness and grief on the day of his funeral, the lengthy procession accompanying his remains to the last resting place, and the profusion of beautiful flowers attested his popularity. The eulogies of Senator Joseph T. Robinson and Minority Leader Finis J. Garrett and the funeral sermon of the pastor of his church brought manifestation of profound sorrow from the throng crowded in the home church.

Our colleague was blessed with one of the rare jewels of womanhood in his helpmate. The devotion existing and continuing throughout his life was an inspiration to the youth of our land. Ever standing by his side, aiding and encouraging him in his labors, sharing his trials and successes in a perfect sympathy. Our hearts are heavy with grief that she must suffer the loss of such ideal companionship.

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Remarks by Representative Parks
Of Arkansas

Mr. SPEAKER: It is with a sad heart that I arise to pay a tribute of love and respect to the life and memory of my lifelong friend, the Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, of the second district of Arkansas. For more than 30 years the people of his district joyfully gave him whatever honors he sought. For four years he was prosecuting attorney of his district, and he so ably, successfully, and justly served in that capacity that he was elected to the Sixty-first Congress to succeed a man who had made a national reputation by his service here. Mr. OLDFIELD was a native of the district that honored him, and it was his lifelong friends who passed judgment upon his life and character at the polls and sent him here to serve in a greater field.

The luxuries of life were not given to him, and while he succeeded in graduating from one of the principal educational institutions of his State, it was only by industry, thrift, economy, and a desire to succeed and make himself a useful man that he was able to accomplish this. So hard did he labor and so faithfully did he serve here that he was soon made a member of the great Committee on Ways and Means. His hobby was a tariff for revenue only, and he willingly battled the great minds on the other side of the aisle whenever a bill to increase a tariff was presented. He asked no quarter and he made no compromises, and

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although he oftentimes met defeat, his sword was always flashed on the side of right, and when he went down he held aloft the flag of the people. In the Sixty-seventh Congress he was selected the Democratic whip, a most important and responsible position, especially for the minority. It was his duty to meet with the leaders to plan our procedure, to keep the lines of his own party together, and to see that no discord was in the ranks. A better man for this duty could not have been found in Congress. Harmony was his watchword, and no two men of his party could drift so far apart that he could not reconcile their differences. He was free to praise and he never hesitated to criticize when necessary, but his criticism was constructive and he never offended the most sensitive.

Without hesitation I say that he was the most popular man in the House of Representatives. He was aggressive and so loved his party and its principles that he often had strong opponents, but I doubt if he had an enemy. He had both great moral and physical courage. While he took great pride in his service in civil life, I believe he looked back upon his short military service while his country was at war with Spain with greater pleasure. His years were devoted to active public service and he was known best as a statesman; but one of his greatest characteristics was his affection for his wife and love of home. Those of us who were privileged to be his intimates and knew him by close association with him and his wife saw in him one of the gentlest and most considerate of husbands. He was never blessed with a child, and

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all his deep affection was given to her who had taken the pledge to walk by his side in the shadows as well as in the sunlight. From the day that he met his girlhood sweetheart he cared for no other, and when their love grew into marriage they became real partners. So complete and equal was this partnership that each affectionately called the other "Pard."

His was a life of service. He was one of the great men of the House. We mourn him, but feel that while he must for a time sail that dark and unknown sea called "death," yet in the fullness of time he will anchor on the golden shore of the sunlit sea of everlasting life, where he will be privileged to wait and watch the coming of the sail that will reunite him to the one he left behind.

For love will hope, and faith will trust
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.

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Remarks by Representative Ragon *Of Arkansas*

MR. SPEAKER: The death of WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD was mourned in every section of the country. His association with Members representing both parties in Congress was such as to bring genuine grief to all who intimately knew him.

To those who represent the minority party in the House of Representatives his passing meant the loss of one who manifested a personal interest in the fortunes of each member of his party. His death therefore brought a personal sorrow to each of his colleagues on the minority side, most of whom had drafted heavily from time to time upon his obliging nature. However, it was from every section of the State he loved so much that his death was so deeply mourned. BILL OLDFIELD was proud of Arkansas and Arkansas was proud of BILL OLDFIELD. At his burial in the little city of Batesville, resting in the beauty of the Ozark Mountains, citizens from all sections of Arkansas and from the remotest parts of his own congressional district gathered to pay their last respects to one who had served long and well their interests. The ceremonies were beautiful and impressive, but one could not stand in that multitude unmindful that the greatest tribute paid to our departed friend was the sorrowing presence of those representing all the walks of life—the rich and the poor, the

weak and the strong, coming alike to pay a last tribute to a leader whom they had followed with pride and loyalty.

One in public life is often beset with discouragements and is sometimes prone to meditate whether his efforts in public service are worth while. But when the rank and file in a great outpouring came to the last rites of a public servant of many years, it is such an unmistakable evidence of appreciation and affection that we who are left find heart to carry on with the consciousness that among the great American people an honest public service will always find its just reward.

Mr. OLDFIELD was noted throughout his State for his capacity in forming strong friendships. He has so often spoken to me of the loyalty of his friends. To my own knowledge he did not underestimate them. But back of the loyalty of BILL OLDFIELD's friends was first the loyalty of BILL OLDFIELD to a friend. Around the faults of a friend no man threw a broader robe of charity. This made men love him; this made men follow him in almost blind adoration.

Then, again, he was a man of courage. He rarely paused to give expression to his conviction. When once convinced of the righteousness of a course he had little patience with any scheme to avoid whatever its consequences might be. The lines of least resistance might have served to make his career more a path of roses than it was ever his to share, but it would have meant the practice of a duplicity entirely foreign to his disposition.

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He was a rarity in modern politics, in that he tried always to take an unqualified stand on all questions of public concern.

His friends not only loved him for his loyalty and courage but they loved his determined spirit. He came from the rank and file. He was an offspring of those who walked in humble but honorable paths. He was the son of that mighty concourse of American people who have made our Nation's hall of fame. Call it "ambition," "urge," "determination," or whatever you will, but that spirit or disposition lifted BILL OLDFIELD from the humble environs of a blacksmith's home to one of the leaders in the lower House of our National Congress. It would be no fairy tale to relate the manner in which he gained such eminence, but the true story would disclose a severe struggle to overcome many difficulties. It was his disposition to meet and to master that associated his name with distinction and honor.

With the background of a good home and family relation as a boy and young man and the inspiring influence of a good wife, BILL OLDFIELD used his splendid faculties to accomplish a successful career. Had he lived he would have been called to still greater fields of service to his fellow men.

It should be a sweet consolation to his family and his friends that they were given a part in the construction of his wonderful career.

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Remarks by Representative Hawley
Of Oregon

Mr. SPEAKER: It is with a renewed sense of personal loss that I speak of the death of Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD. He was for many years a most active member of the Committee on Ways and Means, having participated in the great measures of financial reconstruction following the World War. His devotion to the public service was signalized by activities in civil life, by patriotic service in the war with Spain and well-earned promotion, and by a legislative career in Congress, in which he rose to be a vigorous and directing force in the party of which he was a valued member. He gave his heart to whatever cause enlisted his support. He attacked with vigor and defended strongly. Earnest, honorable, likable, we all admired him. Our regret at his final departure is deep and sincere.

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Remarks by Representative Bacharach

Of New Jersey

MR. SPEAKER: It is with a feeling of genuine and profound sorrow and regret that I contemplate the death of my good friend and colleague. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD. He had already won his spurs in the House at the time I was first elected to Congress. It was not long after I took up my service that I was attracted to BILLY OLDFIELD by his genial personality and soon became acquainted with him.

That acquaintance grew and ripened after my election to the Committee on Ways and Means, of which he was a member, and it developed into a real friendship which shall always live with me as one of the happy memories of my service in Congress. We differed very widely at times on the various legislative matters which came before our committee for consideration, particularly on tariff and revenue legislation; but this difference of opinion, which was at all times an honest one, did not interfere with our friendship for each other.

WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD was a man of strong convictions. He was in every sense of the word a Democrat and a believer in the dogmatic principles of his party. He gave much time and study to the intricate workings of all legislation affecting the

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revenues of the Nation, and he was a conscientious advocate of what he thought was best for the country.

A lawyer, a soldier in defense of his country in time of war, an able and efficient legislator in times of peace, the Nation, like the young and vigorous State which he in part represented in the Halls of Congress, loses a distinguished citizen and a loyal patriot in the death of WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, while we who have been his colleagues for many years shall miss him and mourn him for his lovable character and friendship.

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Remarks by Representative Collier *Of Mississippi*

MR. SPEAKER: It was my good fortune to have been intimately acquainted with Mr. OLDFIELD. I met him in 1909 at the first session of the Sixty-first Congress. We were both new Members and the acquaintance formed nearly 20 years ago soon ripened into a sincere and lasting friendship. For over 10 years we sat side by side on the same committee, and meeting almost daily I had ample opportunity to become familiar with those qualities of heart and mind that characterized WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD and so endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

Death during this Congress has exacted a heavy toll from the Committee on Ways and Means. Three of its members—Thaddeus C. Sweet, of New York; Charles L. Faust, of Missouri; and WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, of Arkansas—have answered the Reaper's call and, "crossing over the river, are now resting in the shade of the trees." They were all outstanding men, men whose deaths were irreparable losses, not alone to their districts and their States but to the country at large.

BILLY OLDFIELD, as he was affectionately called by his friends, was a natural leader of men. Able, studious, loyal, enthusiastic, and true to every trust, he possessed many of those qualities which the world calls human greatness. Greatness is a comparative word. One of the frailties of human

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nature is the proneness to believe that in the past those who rose above their fellows and were called great attained the mountain summits of a fame beyond almost the hope of the present generation to secure. We are therefore reluctant to assert and hesitate to declare to-day that which posterity will emphatically affirm to-morrow.

No revenue act providing for the huge sums necessary to pay America's part in the conduct and prosecution of the greatest war in all the ages was ever enacted by the American Congress that in every phase of its construction WILLIAM OLDFIELD did not play a prominent part. He took the lead in legislation looking to the relief of our sick, wounded, and disabled soldiers. As a member of the subcommittee that drafted the adjusted compensation act he rendered invaluable service and many of his wise suggestions are now crystallized into law.

He was an ideal chairman of the congressional campaign committee. He loved the Democratic Party, and I have never known a more devoted adherent. No defeat could dampen his ardor, no disaster could destroy his optimism, but always the day after he was the first to see the silver lining and with boundless enthusiasm and sublime confidence he was again ready to "carry on."

Notwithstanding his intense partisanship, his personal friends in the House were limited only by the number of Members in that body. He fought the opposition and he fought hard, but he always fought in the open. He was honest and candid and fair, and I heard as many genuine

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expressions of sorrow and regret over his untimely death on the Republican side of the House as I did on his own.

It was my melancholy privilege to be present at his funeral in the little town of Batesville. The stores and other business houses were closed during the ceremonies, and there was genuine sorrow and concern upon the faces of all. The Methodist Church was unable to accommodate the vast throng of those who not only from Arkansas but elsewhere came to pay their last tribute of love and respect to one who in every way reflected in his own life the true simplicity and the splendid manhood so characteristic of his proud Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, the country needs more men like BILLY OLDFIELD—men of lofty ideals and Christian character; men who have the courage of their convictions; men who, when they know they are right, “are not afraid to say no, though all the world may say yes”; men large of heart, large of brain, large of human kindness, and large in all those qualities which constitute real greatness.

BILLY OLDFIELD has passed away. No longer will we see his smiling face and hear his friendly voice. He has passed away, but he is not forgotten, for he has left behind him that greatest of all legacies—“an honored name, the memory of earnest deeds well done.”

Statesman, yet friend to truth; of soul sincere,
In action faithful, and in honour clear;
Who broke no promise, serv'd no private end,
Who gain'd no title, and who lost no friend;
Ennobled by himself, by all approv'd.

Remarks by Representative Chindblom
Of Illinois

Mr. SPEAKER: It is a happy circumstance, though probably not known to the general public, that party affiliation has no bearing upon the personal and social relationships of Members of the House of Representatives. Friendships are formed here, as elsewhere, upon opportunities for acquaintanceship and mutuality of interest and confidence. The standing, and to a limited degree the select committees of the House furnish such occasions for intimate associations on the part of their members. Particularly is this true as to those committees, like that on Ways and Means, where sharp differences of opinion may arise and where the members get into close personal contact. It was in the exchange and conflict of views in the Committee on Ways and Means that I had the privilege of becoming really acquainted with our late colleague, the Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, of Arkansas. There was many a sting in his political and partisan utterances on the floor of the House and in his press interviews as chairman of the Democratic congressional committee. He was as intense a Democrat as I am a Republican. What is more, if I understood him correctly, he was a Democrat of the old school, a fundamentalist in party doctrine and adherence, and I, for one, honored his consistency and frankness. His party appreciated his worth and placed him in position of organization

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authority. But what a kindly, gentle, and considerate soul he was in his personal contacts! How affable, straightforward, and open-hearted in his conversation and demeanor! No partisanship there, no personal grudges or disagreements, no disappointments or animosities of any kind! He seemed fit for a long life of service and contentment, but the Grim Reaper mowed him down in the very prime of life. How strange the fortunes of men! How little we know our destiny! Our genial, industrious, and capable colleague, the genuine gentleman from Arkansas, is with us no more, and none mourn his loss and miss his presence among us more than his associates, Republicans and Democrats alike, on the committee which was honored and benefited by his service upon it.

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Remarks by Representative Crisp
Of Georgia

MR. SPEAKER: When on November 19, 1928, the soul of HON. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD crossed the borderland and entered eternity, the Commonwealth of Arkansas and our beloved Nation sustained an irreparable loss, for, truly, one of the leading statesmen of our day passed from his sphere of earthly usefulness. In early manhood he served his State and country on the field of battle in the Spanish-American War, and for meritorious conduct was promoted from private to lieutenant. For 20 years he had rendered faithful and efficient service to his people in the House of Representatives. He was a man of splendid mental attainments, of magnetic personality, of deep convictions, and possessed the moral and political courage at all times to defend them. He believed in the principles of Democracy and was a militant Democrat and ever ready to bear the gage of battle for his party. He was a fighting partisan of the highest type, giving hard blows to his opponents and serenely bearing any blows leveled at him. He neither gave nor asked quarter from a political foe, but was at all times a gentleman. He was a true tribune of the masses of the people, his heart's great desire being to protect their interest and to render them service. His life was open; his noble purposes and high character commanded the respect and admiration of all who

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knew him. In his political debates he left no stings and he never bore malice. He was universally beloved by the membership of the House irrespective of political affiliations.

That his own people loved, trusted, and appreciated him is evidenced by the fact that they elected his capable and beloved wife to represent them as his successor in this august body. Mr. OLDFIELD's devotion to his party caused him to battle for it in the last presidential campaign, when he was not physically able to stand the strain; and this unselfish, heroic sacrifice undoubtedly hastened his end. He was in the prime of intellectual manhood, in the zenith of his power and usefulness, a recognized leader in the House, a statesman of national reputation, when the final summons reached him.

And could we choose the time and choose aright,
'Tis best to die, our honors at the height.

It was my good fortune to know him well, having sat next to him in the Ways and Means Committee room for 14 years. He was always at his post of duty. He was fearless, able, courteous, warm-hearted, and unselfish, and enjoyed the love and confidence of his fellows. We scarce hope to look upon his like again.

Statesman, yet friend to truth; of soul sincere,
In action faithful, and in honour clear;
Who broke no promise, serv'd no private end,
Who gain'd no title, and who lost no friend;
Ennobled by himself, by all approv'd.

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Remarks by Representative Doughton
Of North Carolina

Mr. SPEAKER: It is a sad and difficult thing for one who admired and loved WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD as I did to attempt even a few words in the nature of a eulogy.

Mr. OLDFIELD preceded me as a Member of Congress by two years. He came in the Sixty-first and I in the Sixty-second Congress. Had he lived to the end of the Seventieth Congress he would have served 20 years. The fact that he was kept in Congress consecutively for so long a period of time is evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the people of his district and the supreme confidence they had in him.

In the passing of Mr. OLDFIELD there is not any doubt but that Congress lost one of its ablest, most useful, and influential Members. His devotion to duty, his courtesy to every Member of the House, profound knowledge of great national problems were manifest at all times. He specialized in matters of taxation and had mastered this subject in detail perhaps as thoroughly as any Member of the House of Representatives.

I shall ever cherish with fond recollection and gratitude the many acts of kindness he extended to me. He was approachable, courteous, and considerate even to the extreme at all times. When I entered upon my duties as a Representative I was greatly aided by his wise counsel and sympathy.

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As chairman of the Democratic congressional committee he rendered great service to his party.

His calling away, seemingly in the midst of a brilliant public career, is one of the mysteries of Providence too profound for human understanding.

BILLY OLDFIELD possessed every qualification of mind and character essential in the making of a truly great man. In fact, the life of WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD was filled with useful deeds and unselfish service. His passing was perhaps as nearly a personal loss to every Member of the House as any man who has served in our body in this generation.

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

Remarks by Representative Hill
Of Washington

MR. SPEAKER: The span of life is measured not so much by time as by accomplishment. Years denote only length, but accomplishment means volume. Simply to have lived for a term of years means little to the world, but to have filled those years with crowded action of useful service gives width and depth, richness and splendor to life. In the drama of human progress attention is focused upon those who take the rôles of leadership. But leadership is the culmination of years of preparation, growth, and development. More years are required in the preparation for life's greatest service than in the performance of that service.

When Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD passed from this life on the 19th of last November he was a national character, one of the leaders in the political affairs of the Government; a leader in his own political party; whip of the Democratic Party in Congress and chairman of the national Democratic congressional committee. He lacked only a few months of having served 20 years as a Member of Congress when he moved on to take his place in history.

It is said that "a life that is lived is a tale that is told." His life was full of action, accomplishment, and progress. A comprehensive story of his life can find expression only in the deeds he wrought

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and the goal he attained. His career was a phenomenal rise from an obscure beginning to an ending of national fame.

WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD was born in the small village of Franklin, in Izard County, Ark., shortly after the end of the "reconstruction period," which left the people of that State in economic ruin. His father was Milton T. Oldfield and his mother was Anne (Matheny) Oldfield. He had three sisters, one older and two younger than he. It was a happy family; love and aspiration predominated. The early years of his boyhood were spent in this village of his birth. We called him "Will." He was popular. He was a real boy, loved a good time, was full of fun, played first base on the ball team, was a good swimmer, and a lover of all boyish sports. He was an all-round good fellow. He was a handsome, wholesome, brilliant boy. WILL OLDFIELD attended the public and "subscription" schools in Franklin. He stood high in his classes but did not devote all of his time to study. He did not have to. He found time occasionally to disturb the quietude of his immediate section of the schoolroom. In that time the teachers operated under the principle of "Spare the rod and spoil the child." WILL OLDFIELD took his chastisement with the other boys, and always came out of it smiling. As a boy he was a good sport and indomitable. He never lost these traits of character.

When he was about 10 years of age his family moved to the town of Newburg and later to the county-seat town of Melbourne in order to have

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better school facilities. It was in the public schools and academies of these towns that WILL OLDFIELD received his preparation for college. He was now about 17 years of age. Then came the problem of finances for his college course. He had no money and his father was not financially able to send him to college. The hard times of the nineties gripped that country. He worked as a hired laborer, made cotton crops on shares, taught country schools, and borrowed some money. Through such means and by practicing rigid economy he finished the liberal arts course in the Arkansas College in Batesville, Ark., graduating therefrom in 1896. Following his graduation he engaged in teaching for a time as the principal of a high school. In 1898 he enlisted as a private for service in the Spanish-American War. He was discharged from that service with the rank of first lieutenant. He studied law, was admitted to the bar, and entered the practice of law in Batesville, Ark. In 1902 he was elected prosecuting attorney for the district comprising the counties of Independence, Stone, Jackson, and Lawrence in that State, and was reelected in 1904. Between 1906 and 1908 he was engaged in private practice. In 1908 he was elected to Congress from the second congressional district of Arkansas and was reelected successively at each general election thereafter. He died 13 days after his last reelection to Congress, in November, 1928.

At the time Mr. OLDFIELD was in Arkansas College Miss Pearl Peden was also a student in that school. It was there that the romance of love

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between them had its beginning, which was later attested and solemnized in their marriage. It was a happy marriage. That romance has endured.

I knew WILL OLDFIELD from his early childhood. As a boy, as a young man, as a matured man I knew him. I knew him on the playground, in school, in the court room, in Congress. There was no guile in him and no pessimism. He got pleasure out of life and radiated it to his associates. He loved his fellows and was loved by them. Life held for him the prospect of success. Hope and courage never deserted him. He believed in the principle of justice and square dealing. The belief that all men are entitled to equal rights was with him a passion. He was a great Democrat with a capital "D"; he was a greater democrat with a small "d." WILL OLDFIELD made no effort to play to the galleries. He was not spectacular; but with a constancy of purpose he followed the course that led toward the greatest service and the accomplishment of his ideals. No words of mine can adequately express my appreciation of him. His was a humble beginning in a community atmosphere not especially inspiring, but he burst the shell of provincialism and rolled back the encompassing horizon until he saw and was seen as a national character.

WILL OLDFIELD, who as a barefoot boy found pleasure in shooting turtles along the banks of Strawberry Creek, became a leader in the National Congress. What dreams may he not have had when his youthful eye watched the ceaseless flow of the smaller streams toward the larger rivers

that in turn led on to the sea. Certain it is that in him was the developing vision that gave a glimpse of greater opportunities in a richer and broader life.

He pursued this unfolding visualization in response to an urge that inhered in him and would not be denied. The chrysalis breaks the imprisoning cocoon and reaches perfect development. The human will and intellect must break the encasing walls of limiting vision to gain the broader outlook on life. It is a far cry from the sand-lot ball ground of Franklin, Ark., to the Halls of Congress, but the distance was spanned by WILL OLDFIELD by the time he was 34 years of age.

The sentiment that a prophet is without honor in his own country does not hold good in his case. The district he represented in Congress for 20 years embraces the county of his birth. He never lost touch with the friends of his earlier life. He bound them to him by ties stronger than hoops of steel. He justified their confidence by keeping faith with them. Their admiration and respect for him developed into idolization. They feel that he was part of their life, and in them was pride in his advancement. They were as loyal to the cause of his success as they would be to their own interests, for in their view he was a part of themselves.

No native son ever inspired more devoted allegiance or held more firmly the strength of popular sentiment. They watched him grow from boyhood to mature manhood. They watched him develop and unfold the powers of mind and soul

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that brought him, the son of a village blacksmith, to leadership among men, even as David, the shepherd boy, became the King of Israel. In the hearts of the people of his own district the life and service of WILL OLDFIELD will find a shrine of love and devotion that will endure for all time.

When I first came to Congress WILL OLDFIELD had been here 14 years. He was already a veteran in the halls of national legislation. He was mature in judgment and secure in the honor that comes with distinguished service. He was already a leader in his own party and in the Congress. His name was on the Nation's lips. He was a national character. To him had come the recognition which his public service commanded. I shall not discuss the scope of that service. Other colleagues will no doubt elect to do so.

The last illness of WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD was of short duration. When the press agencies flashed to the world the sad intelligence of his passing, my heart was heavy. I could hardly realize that he was gone from us. It seemed unreal that we should not see him again in his accustomed rôle in the Halls of Congress. His going has left a void that can not be filled. He sacrificed health and physical life in the fulfillment of duty. But he still lives in the annals of his country and in the hearts of the people. Our own lives have been enriched and broadened by his association. He has given us the inspiration of service and progress and the ideal of a life abundantly lived. He was my friend and I respected, admired, and loved him.

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Remarks by Representative Byrns
Of Tennessee

Mr. SPEAKER: We mourn the death of our departed friend and colleague, Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, who for nearly 20 years ably and faithfully represented the second congressional district of the State of Arkansas. It is a sad privilege to pay a brief but heartfelt tribute to his memory and the public service rendered by him.

Others will tell the story of his useful life; the fidelity with which he served his country both in war and in peace; the service which he rendered to the people in positions of trust at home and before he was sent to Congress; and finally the enviable record which he made during his service here. He won for himself a position of leadership in the House and he enjoyed the confidence and friendship of its entire membership throughout the years of his service.

He and I entered Congress together in 1909. From that time until "God's finger touched him" and he passed on to another world we were warm, personal friends. Only last September he visited in my home at Nashville, Tenn. We little dreamed that in a little more than two months his course on earth would be finished. He seemed to be in better health than he had been for some years. We discussed the presidential campaign, which was then pending, and the work of the next Congress, to

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which he was looking forward with much eagerness and interest. It is difficult for us to understand just why he was taken in the midst of his life of usefulness. The ways of Providence are often beyond our understanding.

He was a man of strong convictions. Holding as a Democrat an important position on the Committee on Ways and Means, he never failed to take a prominent part in its deliberations and to impress upon the House his views on tariff and financial legislation.

He was a kindly, sympathetic man. He was a good friend. He was always happy when he could do some one a service. And it was this attribute of his character which popularized him with all who knew him.

It may be truly said of him, Mr. Speaker, that he rendered the best service that was in him, that he was faithful to every trust imposed in him, and that his life was not lived in vain. I am proud of his friendship and will always treasure the memory of our pleasant association during the years we served together in Congress.

The contemplation of the death of such a friend is always sad. It is difficult for us to understand just why one should be taken in the prime of life and in the midst of a life of usefulness and service to those about him. But it is consoling that we may look back and enjoy the memories of pleasant associations and feel that the world is better because our friend had lived. We are here but for a little while. Soon "taps" will sound for all of us. To render some service to those about us in

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our sphere of life; to measure up to the qualities and duties of a good citizen; to endeavor to make the world better and so live that there will be those who will deeply mourn our passing, should be the high aim of every man and woman. Death is not so frightful to one who has such a true philosophy of life; neither is it the end. For surely when such a life passes from this earth it passes on to a higher and better sphere of existence. This was the standard for which our colleague, WILL OLDFIELD, strove, and that he succeeded in his high endeavor is attested by the fact that he died with the love and the admiration of all of his colleagues.

To his sorrowing widow, who was his chief inspiration, we extend our tenderest sympathy and rejoice that a grateful constituency has commissioned her to "carry on" as it did her husband in his lifetime.

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Remarks by Representative Quin *Of Mississippi*

MR. SPEAKER: Our deceased colleague, the Hon. WILLIAM OLDFIELD, from the State of Arkansas, was one of the strongest men who ever represented any district in the United States Congress. It was my pleasure to serve nearly 16 years in the House of Representatives with this distinguished man. According to my recollection, he served more than 20 years as a Member of the House of Representatives. He was a loyal Democrat, a great American, and a most useful citizen. To know WILLIAM OLDFIELD was to love him. On all occasions he had at heart the interests of the average man and woman in this Republic. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee he was an indefatigable worker, always looking out for the interests of the people. His able mind and eloquent voice on the floor of this House demonstrated his worth to his district, State, and Nation.

Mr. OLDFIELD won a high place in the councils of his party and among the statesmen of America. He was a great man, worthy of every trust that the people of Arkansas reposed in him.

He was a gentleman in every sense of the word—bold, fearless, courageous, and honest. He was a regular dynamo of energy, ready at all times to do battle for what he believed to be right.

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He was a stalwart Christian gentleman, a devoted husband, and a true and loyal citizen devoted to the cause of his country. He will be missed in this legislative body but his works will live.

Personally I was devoted to my dear friend, BILLY OLDFIELD. I knew his worth as a man, as a legislator, and as a friend. I have lost a dear personal friend, but feel solace in the fact that he is in the presence of his Maker in a better and happier world.

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Remarks by Representative Montague *Of Virginia*

MR. SPEAKER: Upon entering the House at the extraordinary session of Congress of April, 1913, I first met the late WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, of Arkansas. His kindly reception and generous offer of service to me, a new Member, excited my interest and my appreciation of him.

Subsequently I was frequently in contact with him, and was often the recipient of his expanding consideration and personal friendship. He seemed to anticipate my official needs and desires, thus evidencing his knowledge of Members and his desire to serve them.

The procedure and the legislation of Congress, together with the success of the Democratic Party, held for him his deepest interest and most cherished ambition.

Mr. OLDFIELD was an intense partisan, but without personal hostilities, and his personal attachments and friendships were unhindered by partisan division or differences. His warm and generous nature resented such discriminations.

As suggested, he took the deepest interest in the business of the House, and was industrious in advising Members of the days on which important measures were likely to be considered. He endeavored to stimulate every member of his party

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with a full sense of his responsibility to the House and to the country, and to this end he worked with an indefatigability which should excite the envy of every Member of the House. He gave to the House and to the Democratic Party throughout the country his most arduous labor and unsparing time, doing his work tactfully but manfully, without fear or favor, and finding his recompense in noble service and devotion to the Republic. He believed the Democratic Party to be a great institution for public good, essential to the maintenance of the American system, and that it should be so supported and expressed by its leaders as to attract the confidence of the people of the Nation.

Mr. OLDFIELD was much interested in the Inter-parliamentary Union, and especially in the work of the American group of this union, and as a consequence he was a regular attendant upon its sessions, and on one or two occasions attended the international conferences of this union. In his attendance upon the conference at Vienna it was my pleasure to be with him, and his genial companionship and personal consideration on this occasion will never be forgotten by me.

He had a great capacity for friendships. Of a sunny and happy temperament, eager to help, tactful and sincere, he made many friendships. I acknowledge in this public way my obligation for his kindly regard of myself, and his responses to official and personal requests made of him by me.

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A sincere friend, a devoted patriot, a faithful public servant in and out of the Congress, wide sympathies for the struggling masses at home and abroad, he will not soon be forgotten, and somewhere and somehow the influence exerted by him will continue for the good of his friends and for the promotion of the best interests of the people.

Remarks by Representative Swank
Of Oklahoma

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE: The saddest day in the life of any man is when some relative or friend receives that irrevocable summons to appear before the Great Judge of mankind and of the universe and to account for their lives during their brief sojourn on this earth. We are all answerable to that inevitable call when it is served upon us, and can be prepared only by leading an honest, upright life, heeding the exhortation of the Master and holding the esteem and respect of our associates. It is customary to praise the virtues of our friends when death has overtaken them, but we should also show our appreciation while they live.

This afternoon we are met here at this hour set apart by the House to do honor to the memory of our departed comrades with whom we have associated in our common work for our country and our people. On such occasions we extol their virtues and acclaim their greatness, but, Mr. Speaker, no eulogy can magnify nor encomium enlarge the fine character and the exemplary life of the man in whose honor I speak this afternoon. In all my acquaintance in the different walks of life I have never known a better man than Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD. When I first came to

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Congress from out of the West he befriended me in many ways and was always my friend. He was of great assistance in more ways than can be told on this occasion. I often went to him for advice and counsel, and he always gave it kindly and wisely. He was the friend of everyone, and especially of the new Members of this great body. No Member ever went to him for help and was turned away. If any assistance could be given, it was gladly done. Every Member of Congress was his friend. I shall never forget BILL OLDFIELD and never cease to do honor to his memory. It was an honor to be classed as his friend and always a pleasure to be in his presence. No person could dislike him, and no one that I ever knew had anything but praise for him. Such friends are indispensable to a successful life. He was one of the first men I became acquainted with on my first trip to Congress. He had a fine and lovable disposition possessed by few men. In his presence there was always joy and good feeling. When he entered a body of men, gloom disappeared and happiness abounded. If every man had such a disposition, what a different world this would be in which to live. The esteem in which his people held him told of their love and admiration for him. One of the ablest Representatives of one of our greatest States, he won his honors here by hard study, devotion to duty, his great capacity to make friends, by a keen brain, and a most thorough knowledge of the problems of state.

No words of praise and no orator's voice can portray his beautiful character nor do justice to his honorable and useful life. Such an undertaking here I shall not attempt. The confidence and love of his constituents for him is told by the fact that he represented them in the American Congress for 20 years, and no district was ever better represented. He came from the common people and always was glad to be counted as one of them. Positions of honor, influence, and power never lessened his zeal in their behalf nor closed his eyes to their appeal. When a measure that affected the great masses of the common people came before Congress, he was one of its most able and ardent advocates. A Democrat of the old school that believed in preserving the rights of the people, he always looked for the common good of the Government which he loved. A partisan in politics, he was always fair and was respected by all. Ungentlemanly advantage was unknown to his nature. He was a good speaker, an able debater, quick at repartee, and convincing in argument. With deceit he was unacquainted and met every man as a gentleman. No man loved his friends more than he, nor was more forgiving to those who might differ from him. He gave to every person the right to think and act for himself. This Hall and no building is large enough to hold all those to whom he had done a kindness or spoken a friendly word. He always saw the bright side, and kindness beamed from his eyes and dispelled the shadows of unhappiness and discontent.

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BILL OLDFIELD was indeed an American nobleman who saw the good in people in preference to looking for other frailties. Human applause and earthly greatness could never cause him to leave his path of duty and devotion to his people. The passing of no man from Congress ever caused more genuine grief than when he left us to take a look at the other side, and as sure as man was ever conveyed to those Elysian fields across the river, I am sure that he is resting there at this hour. He loved his friends, and their faults soon faded from his view, but their virtues were painted eternally in his memory. As a Member of Congress, he was at all times in the forefront for his country's good. Partisan politics could never blind him to his Nation's welfare. His life is worthy of emulation by every boy in the land and his struggles against adversity may well be a guiding star to satisfy the ambition of every young man who desires to serve in high places.

As a member of the powerful Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives he exerted much influence in the framing of tax and tariff legislation. Regardless of who proposed a measure, he was free to oppose or support, as directed by a clear conscience and an honest heart. He was ever alert for the best interests of his district, State, and Nation. Many of his former constituents live in the district which I have had the honor to represent in Congress for the past eight years, and without a single exception they were his friends, as was every person

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who ever knew him. He was ambitious, as every American citizen is desirous of accomplishing something for the good of his family and his country, but mere approbation alone never actuated him, but he was impelled by that human desire to be of service to his fellow men. While man likes to hear his name sounded in the sweet accents of approval, my good friend BILL OLDFIELD was encouraged by higher aims and a nobler cause. His name is written high in the rolls of this House as one of the best men who ever served any constituency, against whom I never heard a word uttered, and in whose direction the finger of suspicion was never pointed. What a pity that all public officials can not serve as he served, with but one star to guide them, and that the star of public duty. Mind and character are the standard of American manhood, and my departed friend possessed both attributes to the highest degree. He was familiar with hardships and adversity and progressed to one of the highest positions within the gift of his people by industry, perseverance, and a strict adherence to duty. He knew what it meant to walk through the dark, damp tunnel of despair as well as leap the silver stream of happiness and success.

His life and acquaintance will always be a benediction to me and a friendship that I shall ever cherish as clean, pure, and honest. So much did I love him that it would be a great privilege to me sometime to be able to render some service to a member of his family. There is no friendship that

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I have cherished more and no acquaintance of more lasting remembrance. Nothing mean or low ever entered his mind, but his attention was centered on the higher things of life.

Mr. Speaker, I find some consolation this afternoon and on this sad occasion because I know my beloved friend BILL OLDFIELD—we all called him “Bill”—is resting in that palace where we will hope to finally rest, eternally and everlastingly, from the turbulent life of this world.

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Remarks by Representative Greenwood
Of Indiana

Mr. SPEAKER: In contributing these words to the memory of our colleague, WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, I speak with a feeling of genuine personal loss. We loved him because of his real human qualities.

The Federal Constitution provides that the United States shall grant no titles of nobility. The fathers who builded that great charter must have believed that nobility in our country should consist of the achievement of the individual in serving his fellow man. Measured by this American standard of character and service, our friend, Mr. OLDFIELD, was a nobleman.

In the vigor of young manhood he volunteered his services in the defense of his country in the Spanish-American War. Likewise in later life he threw his energies in a militant manner, as a legislator in the House of Representatives, into every measure and policy proposed for his country's welfare.

While we admired WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD for his vigor, courage, ability, and integrity as a statesman, yet we shall not allow these characteristics to submerge those even finer qualities of manhood which he manifested as a leader and lover of men. He possessed a magnetic personality endowed richly with a spirit of hospitality. He had a glad hand, a fine spirit of humor, and a word of encouragement for everyone.

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The miracles of healing, the words of love, the daily acts of service of the Man of Galilee for mankind in distress, add great emphasis to the Master's philosophy that the "pathway to the throne of God is found in the hearts of men." WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD must have recognized this divine philosophy because his feet constantly traveled this pathway and found a joy in a rich fellowship with his fellow man.

He was also a true follower of his political patron saint, Thomas Jefferson. With force and conviction he believed in the people and at all times tried to conserve their rights. Like Jefferson, Lincoln, and Bryan, Mr. OLDFIELD was proud to be a commoner. He hated sham and hypocrisy, and from the depth of his soul believed that worth and character made the man. As a Representative he rendered great service to his State and Nation.

Statesman, yet friend to truth; of soul sincere,
In action faithful, and in honour clear;
Who broke no promise, serv'd no private end,
Who gain'd no title, and who lost no friend;
Ennobled by himself, by all approv'd.

Personally we feel enriched in having been associated with WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD as a friend and colleague. We treasure his memory as one who served faithfully and well. Shall we not, then, garner from his life a renewed inspiration, a deeper devotion to serve mankind, a more constant love for humanity, all of which was so dear to the heart of our friend who has gone on before.

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Remarks by Representative O'Connell
Of New York

Mr. SPEAKER: At such a time it is very difficult for me to adequately express my feelings.

Another of our colleagues has been called, and we are again confronted by the mystery and the majesty of death. Another great personality is unable to answer the earthly roll call, and his vibrant voice, so often and eloquently heard in this Chamber, is hushed forever.

WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, the man and the friend, has entered upon the journey from which the traveler never returns. He died at his post of duty on the altar of toil. In his unremitting application to every call for service he gave no heed to the limitation imposed on a greatly impaired constitution which raised a barrier that he was unable to pass without loosing the silver cord and breaking the golden bowl of life. I feel that he knew this. In the strenuous discharge of his self-imposed duties as a Member of this House he was literally taking his life in his hands, thus deliberately shortening a career that promised much in usefulness to his constituency and his country and honor to himself.

He apparently counted a life that was lost in battling for the things he believed to be right to be a life well lost. Our friend stood foursquare for his convictions. In his parliamentary combats he gave hard blows and accepted return like the

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gentleman that he was, but he was unfailing in his courtesy to his adversary, and never overstepped the bounds of courtesy. He was a keen, analytical, forceful thinker, and by unremitting study and research possessed a store of facts and figures, became an adept at repartee, and was a foeman worthy the steel of any man.

BILLY OLDFIELD, as we who knew him loved to call him, was loyal to his friends and to the causes he espoused. In their behalf he spared neither time nor energy, but expended himself with a zeal and a fervor that gave little or no heed to his health nor his interests.

These unselfish qualities of endeavor and loyalty were the means in large measure that brought to an untimely termination a great career.

Mr. Speaker, to-day we mourn the departure of a good, strong, brave, and clean man. No soldier upon the field of battle ever gave himself more freely to the call of duty. If to-day is better than yesterday and to-morrow will be better than to-day, it is because men like our friend lived and labored in his day and generation.

The eminent colleagues from his State on the Great Plains in this House, who worked side by side with him in the successful effort to bring glory and honor and prestige to the Commonwealth he served so well, will enumerate his achievements and his early struggles.

I well remember when I was first privileged to come to this great body to represent in part the State of New York, the friend I mourn in this

inadequate tribute lent me his valuable aid in order that I might judge aright the duties of my great office and make a record for myself and the party to which I owe allegiance. He was a kindly, friendly, and patient mentor, the door of whose office was at all times ajar that I might enter for advice and inspiration. The friendly and cordial handclasp, the invitation to be seated, always assured me that I would leave his presence better equipped to meet the problem which had given me many anxious moments.

But such men are not dead; they live in the hearts of their countrymen. The verdict of history will be that he was notable in those qualities which go to make up the best and strongest characters and was a man of whom his State may well be proud. I doubt not that his grateful fellow citizens will long remember his services and that time will only make his memory the brighter.

Some writer once said:

Every life, no matter if its every hour is rich with love and every moment jeweled with joy, will at its close become a tragedy as sad and deep and dark as can be woven of the warp and woof of mystery and death.

For them death is no tragedy deep and dark, for I know they believe that for him who suffers it is but the opening of a portal to the dawn of a grander, richer, more glorious existence, and that when the final summons comes to each of them in turn he may be sure that his loving comrades who have gone before will meet him with outstretched spirit hands to clasp again the hand of him they

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loved on earth and bid him welcome as he touches the unknown shore. And so believing, I say in all hope and in all reverence to my companion and my friend, "Good-by, good-by, until we meet again."

In the words of Mark Antony, paying tribute to the great Brutus, let me say:

This was the noblest Roman of them all.
He only, in a general, honest thought
And common good to all, made one of us.
His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, "This was a man!"

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Remarks by Representative Morrow
Of New Mexico

MR. SPEAKER: Memorial services were held to-day for the deceased Members of Congress who have left us during the Seventieth Congress. Pursuant to the permission granted Members to extend their remarks, I desire to pay reverence to a man who during his life filled many positions of trust and honor in his native State and in the Nation. During the Spanish-American War, WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD served his country with credit and distinction; entering the service as a private, he was promoted to first lieutenant. He was elected to the Sixty-first Congress and served with distinction in Congress for 20 years. At the time of his death he had been reelected to the Seventy-first Congress.

Mr. OLDFIELD in the year 1925 became the chairman of the Democratic congressional committee of the House, where he wielded great influence in shaping the policy of his party in Congress and in the Nation. He was ever active in all party matters.

He was a sincere and firm Democrat, believing implicitly in the doctrines of his party and in the teachings of Thomas Jefferson that it is the right of the people to rule in the affairs of government. Mr. OLDFIELD was happy in the thought that to make man's future better meant a better government. Politics to him was not a desire for

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personal rivalry but rather an effort in the interest of a liberty-loving people for good government.

Mr. OLDFIELD was a man of the highest type of citizenship. He took a leading part in shaping the policy of his party and in tiding it to success in its activities in the lower branch of Congress; he was always fair and extremely courteous in his dealing with the opposition but firm in his position when he believed he was in the right.

Our late colleague represented the State of Arkansas, but his work in Congress gave him a much larger field of activity in the affairs of government. His work in behalf of his State was of a constructive character, and later in the broader field of the Nation he gave the best in him to the service of the people. By his early life and training in civil and military affairs he fitted himself so as to take his place in the business and life of the Nation in our time. His was a character of industry, modesty, and achievement of honors won with patience and careful effort.

He believed in his legislative work that the intelligence of our citizenship in the affairs of our Government and their interest therein should be maintained by a live, militant Democratic Party. To that end he spent much of his valuable time and gave energetic effort to the success of these ideals. He stood and fought eloquently for clean politics in the affairs of the Nation. It can not be said of him that he did not give the best and most fruitful years of his life to the service of both his State and the Nation.

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This world is a better world because he lived and had his being in it. There are those in his State and in the Congress of the United States who will always cherish the memory of Mr. OLDFIELD as a friend. To labor and bring happiness to family and friends is the duty imposed upon us in this enlightened existence.

I can bear testimony in the six years I have personally known Mr. OLDFIELD that few men had combined in them the nobler qualities of mind and heart than had the deceased. His life was an inspiration to all to do better and to be faithful in the affairs of man and God.

The call has come for him, and while he passes from our lives he leaves the memory of his example and an inspiration to carry on the great work he laid down.

Other leaders have already taken his place with the inspiration he left to carry on the battle of life in the interest of the masses of people—that the rule of government shall not be harsh—and that all the people in an intelligent government like ours shall be a part of and have a voice in the affairs of the same.

I believe that death had no terrors for WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, and that while he had not run the course that had been allotted to man, he was prepared to pass on, feeling that his work had been well done and that his fellow man felt as he did—that when the call comes we must be prepared to meet it and face our Maker.

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On this occasion I feel that it is fitting to quote from one of Lincoln's favorite poems:

Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
Like a swift fleeting meteor, a fast-flying cloud,
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
He passes from life to his rest in the grave.

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'Tis the wink of an eye, 'tis the draft of a breath,
From the blossoms of health to the paleness of death,
From the gilded salon to the bier and the shroud;
Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?

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Remarks by Representative Drewry
Of Virginia

MR. SPEAKER: Political life in our country is full of changes. We regret the absence of some who retire voluntarily and of others who are retired in the exigencies of political service, but such departures are recognized as liable to happen to everyone, and we hope that our paths will cross again. But inexpressibly more sad is the leaving of a loved comrade for that "bourne from whence no traveler returns." It is hard to believe that BILLY OLDFIELD has left forever the scene of his labors for his country. He seemed so strong, so vigorous, so energetic in the measures which he advocated so earnestly and with such sound common sense.

These qualities of mind and body carried him successfully through his educational and professional career. Early in life he began his public service and held offices of trust in his native State. Previously he had answered the call to arms in defense of his country and participated in the war with Spain. It is typical of the man that he enlisted as a private; and it is also indicative that he was awarded a commission before he was mustered out. What he did he did with all his energy, and he did it well. Later began his long service in Congress, where he served for nearly 20 years.

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Soon after coming to Congress I met him, and we were friends from the beginning of my term. He was always ready and willing to aid a colleague and would go to any trouble to do a friend a favor. He had the capacity for friendship to a high degree, and such men earn the friendship of others. He was intensely loyal to his friends. Loyalty is a quality upon which can be built a great character, but which, if not possessed, the whole superstructure is weak, even though the subject possesses other great qualities. He gave his friendship unreservedly; once a friend, he was always a friend and loyally aided in your labors.

He gave generously of himself, and with no reservations. If he agreed to do a thing, he did it with all his energy. As Democratic whip he came into contact with all the members of his party, and he never abused the attributes of that position, while at all times firmly, honestly, and energetically carrying out the orders of the leaders. He made a great success in his handling of this difficult position and was largely responsible for the legislative achievements of the minority party.

Then he was made chairman of the national congressional Democratic committee, and here his genius for organization had freer scope. He was a Jacksonian Democrat and he believed firmly in the principles of his party and the righteousness of its cause. In his opinion the country would be better served by the Democracy, and there was no room in his mind for disbelief in this conviction and no lack of energy and enthusiasm in his

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advocacy. Although his activities caused him much physical discomfort in the feverish days of the last campaign, he doggedly and determinedly "carried on," giving of all that was in him for the success of his party.

He will be missed from the party councils, where his sound common sense and good political judgment were invaluable in the discussion of party affairs; he will be missed in the Halls of Congress, where he used his talents in behalf of his country; but most of all will he be missed in the hearts of his friends, who loved him.

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Remarks by Representative Wilson *Of Louisiana*

MR. SPEAKER: In no field or sphere of human endeavor and activity can the qualities of unfaltering courage and direct aggressive leadership become more valued or of greater public service than in the House of Representatives of the United States.

Our departed and lamented friend, WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, possessed and effectively exemplified these qualities. He was not only true to his convictions at all times but on any and every occasion he was ready to fight straight through to establish and maintain the principles for which he stood and to which his party was pledged.

Under our system of government by political parties, in a legislative capacity one must be loyal to his party in order to be a statesman, since our legislative accomplishments in the main are results of organized efforts and actions by the major political parties.

Accepting this view, Mr. OLDFIELD rendered splendid service to his country as a statesman and was a most valued aid to his colleagues in respect to those measures for which his party had made pledges to the public.

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The source of my personal sorrow is in the loss of a true, constant, and loyal friend over the entire period of my service in the Congress. I feel sure that he, as other friends who have passed beyond, would have us feel that—

Death has not taken all away,
These friends are with us still to-day;
Each one of us still carries on
Something of those whose souls have gone.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

Remarks by Representative McDuffie *Of Alabama*

MR. SPEAKER: I am glad to have the privilege of paying tribute to the memory of my lamented friend, the Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD.

He who lives in the hearts of those he leaves behind does not die.

The memories of happy associations with Congressman OLDFIELD, affectionately known on this floor as BILLY OLDFIELD during his 20 years of service, will continue to live in the hearts and minds of all his colleagues.

One of the first Members of the House of Representatives I met on coming to Congress was Mr. OLDFIELD, whose genial and cordial manner drew me near him, and throughout our service together I held for him a most affectionate regard. I shall always hold in grateful memory not only his many helpful suggestions but his never-failing courtesies.

In politics, while Mr. OLDFIELD was an intense partisan he was also an intense patriot. He loved the ideals and institutions of our Government, and in his official life he always sought to preserve them. His personal popularity in the Congress was not confined to his party, but on both sides of the aisle, as well as in the official life of Washington, he was held in high esteem. The performance of his duties as a Representative in Congress

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was characterized by that ability and untiring zeal which made him one of its outstanding leaders.

While mourning the loss of our distinguished colleague to-day, we are greatly consoled in having amongst us, as his successor, his gentle and elegant wife, who has within her short service as a Member of the House of Representatives won her way into the hearts of the entire membership of this House. She did not seek membership in this body. The friends of her lamented husband urged that she not only serve his unexpired term but again insisted that she accept the nomination for the long term. This was not only a compliment to her but it attested the love, the esteem, and confidence in which Mr. OLDFIELD was held by a constituency who had commissioned him to represent them here for a long period of time. It is fortunate, indeed, not only for the district she represents but for us who miss the companionship and the able service of her distinguished husband that she has come to be with us.

Amongst the first of all human virtues is loyalty. Mr. OLDFIELD possessed a sense of loyalty that was unsurpassed. Loyalty to his country as a national legislator was his first thought, and no man was more loyal to his friends. His untimely death was a distinct shock and loss to his country, to the State of Arkansas, and particularly to that congressional district which honored itself by honoring him and which he served so loyally. He fought the fight; he finished the course; he kept the faith.

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Address by Representative Linthicum *Of Maryland*

MR. SPEAKER: WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, known among his colleagues as BILLY OLDFIELD, was a native product of the State of Arkansas, not only by birth but education and political activity. Born February 4, 1874, he received his foundation for substantial advancement in the common schools of his county and his A. B. degree from Arkansas College at Batesville.

As a lawyer he stood high in his profession, became prosecuting attorney, and when war broke out with Spain was among those first to enlist in the service of his country.

In Congress he was among the leaders of the Democratic Party, holding the very important position as a member of the Ways and Means Committee. He was an able debater, and in speeches before the House of Representatives his addresses were clear, instructive, and showed a full knowledge of the subject under discussion.

I knew him for many years. He was a man of most lovable disposition and endeared himself to his colleagues on both sides of the "aisle" because of his courtesy, kindness, and affability. There is no doubt in my mind that he hastened his death by his overzealousness in the interest of his party's success.

As chairman of the congressional campaign committee he was ever alert and on the job.

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When he went to New York to help conduct the campaign from the Democratic headquarters he was constantly at his desk and never missed an opportunity to promote the welfare of Democracy and the success of the ticket.

He will be greatly missed in the House of Representatives by all who knew him. Each one seems to fit into some particular niche in that great legislative body, and BILLY OLDFIELD certainly by his tact, knowledge, and disposition had his own peculiar place.

It is a pleasure to all of us to know that his constituents loved him and his wife so well that they have sent Mrs. Oldfield to the House of Representatives to succeed him. It does not seem possible that BILLY OLDFIELD has departed from our midst, and those of us who have been associated with him for so many years will ever treasure his memory.

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MONDAY, *December 3, 1928.*

Mr. WINGO. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce that since the House last met death has called the Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, late a Member of this House from the State of Arkansas. I offer the following resolution, which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read (H. Res. 249) as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, a Representative from the State of Arkansas.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. COLLIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Ways and Means, I ask unanimous consent to insert in the Record certain resolutions passed by that committee to-day upon the death of our late colleague, Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, of Arkansas.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

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The resolutions referred to are as follows:

Whereas the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives has heard with profound sorrow of the death of their colleague and fellow member, the Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, of Arkansas; and

Whereas Mr. OLDFIELD, having faithfully served his country in time of war and his native State of Arkansas in the times of peace following, was elected to the Sixty-first Congress and had served with distinction continuously from the 4th day of March, 1909, until his death in Washington on November 19, 1928; and

Whereas through his qualities of leadership he had risen high in the councils of his party, and had contributed in a large measure to the formulation of its policies; and

Whereas his long service as a member of this committee, his knowledge of governmental problems, his tenacity of purpose, his fidelity to duty, and his genial, affable character, endeared him to every member of the committee: Therefore be it

Resolved, That we express to the bereaved widow of our late colleague our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of a husband who was an honorable, capable, and useful public servant; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his widow and that they be spread upon the minutes of the committee.

Mr. TILSON. Mr. Speaker, as a further mark of respect to the deceased Member, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and accordingly (at 1 o'clock p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 4, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, *December 4, 1928.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Craven, its principal clerk, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, late a Representative from the State of Arkansas.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

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Proceedings in the Senate

TUESDAY, *December 4, 1928.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Chaffee, one of its clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, late a Representative from the State of Arkansas, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The Vice President laid before the Senate resolutions of the House of Representatives (H. Res. 249), which were read, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, a Representative from the State of Arkansas.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. ROBINSON of Arkansas. Mr. President, I submit the resolutions which I send to the desk and ask for their immediate consideration.

The resolutions (S. Res. 271) were read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD, late a Representative from the State of Arkansas.

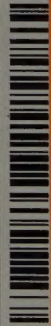
Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

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Mr. ROBINSON of Arkansas. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the four Members of the House of Representatives touching whose departure resolutions have been presented and adopted by the Senate, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 1 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, December 5, 1928, at 12 o'clock meridian.





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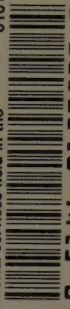
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